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## **AMENDMENT AND REPLY**

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action dated October 17, 2008, the period for response having been extended for two months, Applicants herein provide the following amendments and remarks.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or to credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 23-0975.